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For : COMPOUND SCREENING METHOD
Examiner : Whiteman, B.A.
Art Unit : 1635

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

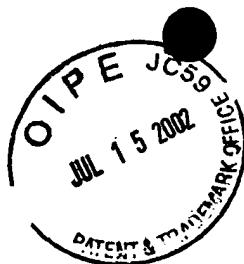
This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 14, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee are submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows. Applicants have attached hereto pages containing amended claims, with amendments indicated by bracketing (for deletions) and underlining (for insertions).

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 44, 51-62, 74-87, 91-97, and 101.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. A method of identifying chemical substances which have potential pharmacological activity using nematode worms, which method comprises the steps of:
- (a) dispensing substantially equal numbers of nematode worms into each of the wells of a multi-well assay plate;
 - (b) contacting the nematode worms with a chemical substance;
 - (c) detecting a signal indicating phenotypic, physiological, behavioral, or biochemical changes in the nematode worms using non-visual detection means.
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

☒ Amendment
☒ Petition for Two Month Extension
☒ Check in the amount of \$400.00
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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If the amount of the enclosed check is determined to be insufficient, please charge the balance to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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